

CHAPTER NO. 120

SENATE BILL NO. 295

By Fowler

Substituted for: House Bill No. 590

By Curtiss, Dunn, Baird

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 55, relative to records concerning convictions or bail forfeitures for offenses involving motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-306, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(f) (1) (A) The administrative office of the courts, in conjunction with the department of safety, shall, on an annual basis, provide information and training to the clerks of court concerning the importance and necessity of preparing and forwarding to the department of safety the abstract forms for the convictions required by this section.

(B) The training and information required by this subsection is not required to take the same form every year provided the information is conveyed in a manner designed to be viewed, understood and retained by the clerks. Such information may be conveyed one year by a training session at the annual court clerks conference and another year may be conveyed by mailing, e-mail or telephone.

(C) Any such training shall also include the effect and consequences of any changes in the abstract reporting requirements that may result from changes in state and federal law.

(D) The training and information distribution required by this section shall apply to all clerks of court having original jurisdiction over traffic offenses, including municipal court clerks.


(2) (A) By February 1, 2006, the department of safety shall prepare and transmit to the fiscal review committee a report detailing the compliance rate with the thirty (30) day abstract reporting requirement of this section. Such report shall include compliance rate data from abstracts that are transmitted to the department on or after July 1, 2005.

(B) By February 1, 2007, and February 1, 2008, the department shall submit a similar report to the fiscal review committee covering abstracts transmitted to the department during calendar years 2006 and 2007, respectively.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 25, 2005


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APPROVED this 4th day of May 2005


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